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CHIANG ARRIVES IN SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, Feb. 12. — Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek arrived in Shanghai today on his first visit to the city since the end of the Sino-Japanese war in 1947. He was welcomed by a large crowd of people, many of whom were members of the Nationalist government. Chiang is expected to stay in Shanghai for several days before moving to his official residence in Nanjing.

Police Open Fire On Rioters

CALCUTTA, Feb. 12. — FOUR PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND SEVENTEEN TAKEN TO HOSPITAL WITH INJURIES WHEN THE POLICE OPENED FIRE ON CROWDS TODAY. THREE OF THOSE WHO DIED WERE HIT BY BULLETS IN THE BHOJINIPUR AREA IN SOUTH CALCUTTA, WHERE CROWDS HAD ERECTED CRUDE BARRICADES AND THROWN STONES.

British Policy On Spain

LONDON, Feb. 12. — Great Britain "is ready to take all political steps in order to restore a democratic and constitutional regime in Spain," the Foreign Office said today. The statement was made by the Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, in a speech to the House of Commons.

Hitler Baby Tale Revived

(By Jack Edmond).
BAD GODESBURG, Feb. 12. — HITLER BECAME A FATHER ON NEW YEAR'S EVE 1938. EVA BRAUN BORE HIM A SON IN A NURSING HOME AT SAN REMO IN ITALY, AFTER NOT HAVING BEEN SEEN TAKING HER USUAL DRIVES IN BERLIN FOR A MONTH OR SO. WITHIN A FEW HOURS OF THE EVENT A DEFINITE, BUT APPARENTLY UNAUTHORISED, STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT WAS MADE BY GENERAL BINSCH, THE THEN JAPANESE MILITARY ATTACHE TO A GROUP OF JAPANESE NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS IN BERLIN.

It was contradicted almost immediately by the Japanese Ambassador, who, summoning the correspondents to him, informed them that what they had been told was incorrect. He demanded that they give their word of honour that the story would go no further and particularly that it should not be published in any of their foreign press colleagues.

Dr. Minoru Kato, at that time chief correspondent in Berlin of the Tokyo "Nishi Nishi," either decided to break the vow of silence or felt that it was only binding as long as the original news was incorrect. At any rate, he went out of his way to satisfy himself one way or another in the next 48 hours.

This involved a trip to Munich, the home of Eva Braun's father, and the original source of the information contained in the Japanese Military Attache's announcement. For it was from here that he had come to Britain a few hours before his press conference, to tell the correspondents — after another of his customary drinking bouts had made him a little more loquacious than usual — that he had met some "very nice people" in Munich, including the man who succeeded Eva Braun as assistant to Hoffman, official photographer to Hitler.

Girl Of Nineteen Takes Lysol

A Chinese girl, aged about 19, who registered herself at the Kam Tai Boarding House in Nathan Road at Le Yau-chow, was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital last night at 7.20 p.m., suffering from the effects of Lysol, believed self-administered. She died shortly after admission.

The Police will welcome any assistance which will establish her real identity.

Czech Plan Runs Into Difficulties

(By Guy Bettany).
PRAGUE, Feb. 12. — ALTHOUGH A QUARTER OF A MILLION GERMANS SHOULD HAVE LEFT CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN DECEMBER, IT IS DOUBTFUL WHETHER A SINGLE GERMAN HAS CROSSED THE FRONTIER.

Both the Russian and the American authorities in Germany, who are due to receive the Germans expelled from Czechoslovakia, have informed the Prague Government that they are not ready. The Russians have made it clear that they have enough on their hands for the present, while the Americans have asked for detailed information to assist them to settle the expelled Germans.

As things are, it is extremely doubtful whether the expulsions will begin for some time, even when they do no one believes that the plan submitted by the Czech Government for the removal of 2,500,000 Germans in eight months can be carried through.

Meanwhile, faced with the tremendous task of getting the country's industries going again, the Czech authorities are finding that already the Republic is desperately short of workers of all kinds, labourers, skilled artisans, mechanics and capable managers. They are beginning to realise that their task will be almost impossible if they expel all the Germans, apart from the small loyal minority, as was their original intention.

In view of this situation, usually well-informed circles here indicate that as many as 1,000,000 Germans may be allowed to remain, including most

SABOTAGE SUSPECTED

Yennan, Feb. 12. — Two Communist members of the Chinese Political Consultative Council arrived here today on an American transport plane which landed with flat tyres.

The pilot, Lieut. Lyle Tipin, said there were "three sharp parallel cuts on the inside of the left tyre and he expressed the belief that these could not have been caused by natural obstacles.

The Communists, Tung Pi-wu and Wang Jui-fu, came for conferences with the war-time chairman, Mao Tse-tung, and other leaders.

BLACKMAIL CLUE TO TREASON

LONDON, Feb. 12. — DOCUMENTS IN A BLACKMAIL CHARGE AGAINST A YOUNG WOMAN, HEARD AT THE MARYLEBONE POLICE COURT ON OCTOBER 30 LAST, LED TO THE "MISTERY" IN THE CASE OF A FLEETLY REVEALED TO US NAVY. ENIGMA — ROBERT WALTER PURDY BEING SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR TREASON.

The case had been held over from previous sessions so that the treason charge could be dealt with. Yesterday, Gerald Howard, prosecuting, explained that the matter had been hanging over her head for a long time because it could not be made public.

The Recorder, Sir Gerald Bodson, told Blaney: "Somebody who was a traitor to his country has been convicted as such and if that is good, it comes out of your wrong doing."

It waters down your action and makes it of less gravity. Like many other people you seem to think money easy come by is the high road to happiness.

ONE GOVERNMENT FOR THE WORLD

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. — NEARLY 1,000 PERSONS HAVE PETITIONED PRESIDENT TRUMAN TO ASSUME LEADERSHIP IMMEDIATELY IN TRANSFORMING THE U.N.O. INTO "A TRUE WORLD GOVERNMENT" TO PREVENT DESTRUCTION OF CIVILISATION THROUGH ATOMIC WARFARE. THE WRITERS' BOARD SAID YESTERDAY.

The petition declared that it was the conviction of writers that there can be no adequate military defence against the atomic bomb for protection of mankind against atomic energy used for destructive purposes and that there must be established effective and enforceable safeguards under rule of law.

The Writers' Board is headed by author Rex Stout. In the petition he asked American U.N.O. delegates "to institute such action as shall transform the U.N.O. into a world government without dangerous delay" and "we ask that should such action fail, you should at once invite governments of peoples of the world to hold a constitutional convention for the purpose of setting up a world government of those people which adhere thereto in full faith and hope that such world government shall within a short time comprise all peoples on earth."

Among signers were former Supreme Court Justice Owen

Copyright In Speeches?

LONDON, Feb. 12. — Labourite members' questioning of former Prime Minister Churchill's right to sell secret wartime speeches he made in the House of Commons, for publication, brought an assertion yesterday from Prime Minister Clement Attlee upholding the right of any member to publish his speeches.

Mr. Churchill recently sold three speeches to "Life" Magazine.

Asked whether copyright belongs exclusively to the man who made the speeches, Mr. Attlee said he wanted "legal advice" before answering. — Associated Press.

ROBBER'S BIG HAUL

Four robbers, one armed with a revolver and three with daggers, held up Cheung Hoi-kim, proprietor of an import and export firm at No. 24, Bonham Strand East at about 11 o'clock yesterday and robbed him of over H.K.\$8,000 and about C.N.\$250,000.

The armed robbers accosted Cheung as he was ascending the staircase to the 2nd floor. At the point of the revolver they forced him to open the safe from which the money was extracted.

No arrest has been made.

THE WEATHER

To-day's forecast: Mainly fall with light easterly winds. Yesterday's temperature: — Maximum: — 76 degrees at 3 p.m. Minimum: — 57 degrees at 8 a.m.

China Envoy Enigmatic

Washington, Feb. 12. — The Chinese Ambassador here, Mr. Wei Tiao-ming, returned yesterday from Chungking where he has been conferring with government officials. Wei declined to make a statement. He said he would see President Truman and Secretary of State Byrnes in the course of the next few days and "then I may have something to say." — Associated Press.

DETENTION BARRACKS DISTURBANCE

North Allerton, Feb. 11. — A War Office enquiry is to be held into the disturbances over the week-end in the Northallerton Military Detention Barracks from which 30 men, serving long sentences (as at 4 on Saturday).

By today, 400 police, troops and civilians, searching a 50-mile radius with the aid of army lorries and flying-squad cars, had rounded up all but two of the men.

Of the total number who attempted to escape by climbing the corrugated iron doors of the barracks, 14 changed their minds and returned to prison immediately. They reached the street. The other 14 were captured without offering resistance. — Reuter.

Far-Reaching Labour Scheme

LONDON, Feb. 12. — ACQUISITION OF BRITAIN'S 1,047 GAS COMPANIES AT A COST EXPECTED TO TOTAL ALMOST £300,000,000 AND THE FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT BOARD TO WORK THE INDUSTRY UNDER PUBLIC OWNERSHIP IS PLANNED BY THE LABOUR GOVERNMENT.

THE LEGISLATION WILL PROBABLY BE INTRODUCED SOME TIME THIS YEAR. WHEN THE BILL HAS RECEIVED ROYAL ASSENT, THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE THE ONLY GAS SUPPLIER FOR THIS COUNTRY'S 11,200,000 CONSUMERS AND THE EMPLOYER OF 125,000 MEN AND 110,000 WOMEN WORKING FOR PRIVATE AND MUNICIPAL COMPANIES.

Some satellite industries are certain to be involved, but exact details of the nationalisation plans have not yet been disclosed.

The British gas industry, the largest in Europe, uses 2,000,000 tons of coal a year. The Labour government's aim is to integrate its operations with the coal mining and electricity industries which are also scheduled for nationalisation. Ultimately, there will be a National Coal and Power Corporation to own and supervise all sections of the fuel and power industries. Under it will be two operating boards, one for coal and the other for gas and electricity.

These Boards will in turn delegate authority to regional Boards who will see to the distribution and generation of gas and provide "local" machinery for meeting the needs of specific areas.

The current net value of the gas industry is estimated by the British Gas Council at about £181,000,000. According to Mr. Frank Jones, Chairman of the British Gas Council, "the cost of acquisition of all these undertakings is likely to be £272,000,000."

"The Government has announced its intention of nationalising the industry and the industry cannot take part in political controversy and must accept the situation, as it is."

"PRIVATE OWNERSHIP"

"We are ready to help, being conscious of our responsibilities to our consumers, employees and shareholders. The prospect of nationalisation will not hold back the development necessary to meet the growing demand."

The gas industry, dealing on a commodity which normally is not piped long distances, grew up on a local basis and a multiplicity of small units still exists. There are 773 privately-owned undertakings, handling 64 per cent of all the gas sold. The remainder, or 274, are owned by municipal authorities. Total production in 1944 was 1,737,000,000 "therms" or roughly 3,474,000,000 cubic feet of gas.

Nationalisation of the gas industry has been part of the Labour Party's policy for many years. Last December an independent inquiry commission appointed in 1944 by Mr. Churchill's wartime coalition Government recommended similar action.

The Committee, acknowledging the industry as "reasonably efficient" found the present diversified structure is restricting further progress, and that a "basic change" would be required to get effective results. — Reuter.

U.S. Gives Support On Indonesia

LONDON, Feb. 12. — THE UNITED STATES YESTERDAY OPPOSED THE RUSSIAN DEMAND FOR THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL TO UNDERTAKE AN INVESTIGATION ON CONDITIONS IN THE DUTCH EAST INDIES.

Dr. Wellington Koo (China) supported the Russian demand, provided the inquiry commission was to be purely a fact-finding mission. The United States delegate, Mr. Edward Stettinius, said the action proposed might upset the Dutch efforts to establish peace in the islands and he believed the best thing would be to wind up the discussion in London leaving a settlement to direct negotiations between the Dutch Government and the Indonesian nationalists.

Dr. Koo also said he thought the discussion might be adjourned in the hope of successful negotiations, although a "commission might promote United Nations harmony and also dissipate doubts about Java."

Mr. Stettinius asserted his belief that Russia and Ruler Sukarno had not introduced sufficient evidence to show that a "constructive" mission would be served by an investigation under United Nations auspices. It would be inappropriate for us to express the hope that the terms of surrender, regarding the disarmament of Japanese in Java, may be carried out promptly. — Associated Press.

Team Walks Into Canton Brick Wall

CANTON, Feb. 12. — THE CANTON MOBILE FIELD TEAM SENT DOWN BY EXECUTIVE HEADQUARTERS IN PEIPING TO CARRY OUT CEASE-FIRE ORDERS BETWEEN THE NATIONALISTS AND COMMUNISTS WAS NEITHER MOBILE NOR IN THE FIELD, BECAUSE THE MILITARY HERE INSISTED THERE ARE NO COMMUNIST TROOPS IN KWANGTUNG AND KWANGSI.

The team composed of Colonel Paul R. Miller, field artillery, U.S.A. of Buffalo, New York; Maj. Gen. Fang Hau, Communist representative, Major Huang Wei-chin, representing the Nationalists, a secretary and an interpreter.

Colonel Miller said that only Executive Headquarters in Peiping can give out news releases and he had nothing to say.

The Chinese military here has ignored the charges of Gen. Chu

Team Walks Into Canton Brick Wall

Teh in Yennan that government troops in Kwangtung were taking the offensive against the East River Column, and brandishing them unjustly as bandits and not as Communists.

Being still in Canton, the mobile field team is unable to ascertain the extent of fighting on East River, but reliable sources said the clashes were mere skirmishes that had been going off and on for many years. — Associated Press.

BELGIAN ELECTIONS

Brussels, Feb. 12. — Political parties are claiming with increasing frankness that the vote in the general election in Belgium on February 17 will determine whether the country is to march in step with Moscow or the Western democracies. — Reuter.

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Currency Hoax

Monday's coup by currency speculators requires a searching investigation. The first natural reaction to the story of how the trick was played was to evaluate it as a skillfully executed, ingenious and efficient piece of knavery, worthy of an honest cause. But a sneaking respect for the brain which inspired the coup and worked out the method with such meticulous regard for detail, does not alter the fact that fraud is a serious matter, and that this was a particularly dangerous type of fraud. Panic in currency could do grave damage in the Colony if it developed from good cause, and when it is deliberately, if only temporarily, incited, then no effort should be spared to bring the perpetrators to book. Monday's coup was a barefaced robbery of a large number of people, as much so as if the tricksters had held them up at the point of a pistol, and while there is a disposition to waste little sympathy on professional gamblers in currency, the circumstances (a widely published fake story) brought within the scope of the fraud many victims who could ill afford the loss. The tug-of-war of a market by the circulation of rumours is an old dodge and there is little that can be done about it, but this incident comes within a different category, and the attempt to determine the responsibility must be pursued to the end. The public have as deep an interest in the result as the newspapers who were hoodwinked and the news agency whose credit was jeopardised.

TRUNK SERVICE TO UN LO-46

Land traffic between Kowloon and Yuen Long, the chief centre in the New Territories, is at present maintained by a fleet of 20 motor trucks, each with a capacity of about 30 people. The trucks make the journey in about two hours, so that each one of them operates several round trips daily. In addition to vegetables, livestock and other goods, they carry passengers, and every day an average of 300 people travel by the trucks. The freight charge is about \$2 a piece, and passengers pay from \$2.50 to \$3.00 a head a trip.

CAPT. NELSON BACK

Captain D. B. Nelson, 2nd Gurkha Rifles, who was formerly well known in Hong Kong sporting circles, arrived in Hong Kong on Monday in the s.s. "Mutiana" from Singapore. Captain Nelson, who was with Jarling, Matheson & Co. before the war, was a member of most of the sporting clubs here, including the Hong Kong Cricket Club and the Hong Kong Football Club.

DETECTIVE SHOT

A 25-year-old unemployed Lo Min-chi, was charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday with attempted murder of a Chinese detective Wan Choum in Ram-say Road, Central near Ram-say Street on Dec. 16. It was alleged that accused shot the detective with a revolver on the Praya. The detective was discharged from hospital about a week ago. The case was adjourned until to-day for hearing to be fixed.

PICKPOCKET CAOLED

Four months' hard labour was imposed on Chong Sui-man by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday for larceny of a Parker fountain pen from a Chinese in Queen Victoria Street near the Central Market on Monday. Inspector H. Bell said accused was caught in the act and was brought to the Station by complainant.

Plead guilty to a charge of unlawful possession of five seals of raw cotton, Shau Yee was sentenced to three months' detention by Mr. W. H. E. Lattin yesterday.

Marines Sentenced On Armed Robbery Charges

THE NAVAL COURT MARTIAL ON BOARD M. V. AORANGI CONCLUDED YESTERDAY MORNING WHEN MARINES LEONARD MEERKS, IVEN DENIS ORAN AND JAMES EDWIN VIVIAN WERE FOUND GUILTY ON TWO CHARGES OF ARMED ROBBERY AT NO. 75 BONHAM STRAND EAST ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT.

MINE ORAN WAS SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS PENAL SERVITUDE AND MNE. MEERKS AND MNE. VIVIAN WERE EACH SENTENCED TO HARD LABOUR FOR TWO YEARS, DISMISSED FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE, AND TO FORFEIT ALL PAY, HEAD MONEY, BOUNTIES, SALVAGE MONEY, PRIZE MONEY, ALLOWANCES, ANNUITIES, PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES.

The charges against accused were that they, on Christmas Day 1945, armed with revolvers robbed Van Shing of \$150 and a wrist watch at No. 75, Bonham Strand East, first floor, and robbed Wong Hing of \$20 and a pocket watch at the same place and on the same date.

The Court was composed of Captain V. N. Surtees, D.S.O., R.N., H.M.S. Nabatecher, president, Captain A. St. Clair-Ford, D.S.O., Captain Escort Forces, Commander M. Hodges, H.M.S. Duke of York, Commander H. F. Morgan, H.M.S. Tamar, and Commander R. A. V. Greer, H.M.S. Tamar.

Lieut. Comdr. (S) Rawlins, R.N., was the Deputy Judge Advocate. The case for the prosecution was conducted by Capt. Gwiner and the accused were represented by Mr. Peter H. Sin, assisted by Lieut. J. C. Mingo, R.N.V.R. In addressing the Court, Capt. Gwiner said that in this case the three Chinese for the prosecution all identified the accused, both individually and collectively at the house, at the water steps, at the Police Station and in Court after two months. He submitted that the evidence established beyond any reasonable doubt that the accused were the men on Dec. 25.

Yan Shing, who was menaced by the revolvers of Oran and Vivian who entered the flat a few minutes previously, was certain they were the men.

IDENTITY QUESTION Wong Kan was also there. He was shocked and alarmed at the presence of Europeans in the flat and the fire arms. He kept his face to the wall while the men searched and robbed the others.

It is certain that the Chinese followed the accused, who by threats of arms had robbed them of the valuables and money. They were kept in the chase and kept in pursuit of their quarry and thus followed the Marines who tried to elude them by going into an alley, a cul-de-sac.

The accused were followed to the waterfront and when they found that they could not dispose of their pursuers they threw their money, watches and arms into the water.

Marine Summerscales had initially declared he identified the men but later, under the skillful cross-examination of defence counsel, withdrew this identification. But it was a fact that he considered accused to be the same as those he met at the end of the alley, while the three Chinese in the same crowd and not standing together at the time were quite definite on the subject, that accused were the same men who robbed them earlier on.

COINCIDENCE TOO GREAT However, the Court said that the three Marines were definitely the three Chinese who were there on the waterfront and that there were no other Marines in the area at the time. It was too great a coincidence that there were three Marines standing on the waterfront near the steps, money of the same denomination, stolen earlier, found floating in the harbour there in unusual circumstances and in the area where the colours were arrested.

He submitted that the facts, especially of the definite and vigorous identification of the Chinese, showed beyond all reasonable doubt that the accused before the Court were in fact responsible for the charges now made, and that the three accused had concocted their story and in one case amended the original statement to bring it into line with the others.

The fact that only two were seen with arms made no difference to the other. It was laid down that any person who, knowing and unlawfully, aids, abets, procures or counsels the commission of an offence is liable to be dealt with as the principal offender. He submitted again that he had proved the case against accused beyond any reasonable doubt.

DEFENCE CASE For the defence Mr. Sin said that in such cases it was absolutely necessary for the Court to be satisfied beyond reasonable doubt as to accused's guilt. It was not for accused to prove their case but for the prosecution.

Continuing, Mr. Sin said that the charges against accused were one of the most serious charges in law.

The evidence of Yan Shing was timely and reliable and on that evidence it was unsafe to convict. The accused had elected to give evidence and be cross-examined as to the veracity and authenticity of their evidence. They had on each contradicted the evidence of the crown in toto. The accused were subject to cross-examination by the prosecution but in spite of this the result was that their version has been unchallenged and unshakable in any part of it. Their account of their movements must be taken as true and authentic and had been solid and unassailable throughout.

In fact the evidence of Marines McLaren and Summerscales corroborated to the extent of the evidence of accused when they told the Court that accused, when met at the steps were calm and collected and not breathless. FANTASTIC THEORIES Mr. Sin said that he would like to draw the attention of the Court to the fact that the three accused were entitled to be believed to the same extent as the three Chinese. The law says a man is innocent until and unless he is found guilty. The evidence of accused must be given the same weight as the evidence of the witness for the prosecution. While it was alleged that the accused committed a daring robbery in a flat situated in a busy corner of the town with revolvers and stole the money and articles mentioned, yet nothing was found on accused which would implicate any of them. The testimony of the Chinese was just fantastic theories. Accused had denied the story and from the start had adhered steadfastly to their own. There was no doubt that a robbery had been committed and that the Chinese had chased the robbers. They were excited and gripped and when they met the accused at the stone steps they thought that these were the men and accused them.

Mr. Sin dwelt on the mentality of such Chinese identifying Europeans with accuracy, especially when all were dressed in blue, and more so in this case where they were excited and in a panic. It was impossible for them to identify the intruders. Continuing, Mr. Sin said that the prosecution had stated that the Chinese had identified the accused as being in the house. He really was that it was not possible to do so as they were seen there only for a short time.

TIME QUESTION No doubt the witnesses being good friends had chatted among themselves on the testimony they were going to give and made every endeavour that such should tally. Another point he said was that all the witnesses put the time at between 8 and 8.15. How could people time be so exact? To these people time was no object and from his own experiences some were often in error. This, he said, supported his view that the witnesses must have talked among themselves and fixed the exact time. He suggested that the version of the time factor story was too good to be true. Aided to

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the tenacity and authenticity of their evidence. They had on each contradicted the evidence of the crown in toto. The accused were subject to cross-examination by the prosecution but in spite of this the result was that their version has been unchallenged and unshakable in any part of it. Their account of their movements must be taken as true and authentic and had been solid and unassailable throughout.

In fact the evidence of Marines McLaren and Summerscales corroborated to the extent of the evidence of accused when they told the Court that accused, when met at the steps were calm and collected and not breathless. FANTASTIC THEORIES Mr. Sin said that he would like to draw the attention of the Court to the fact that the three accused were entitled to be believed to the same extent as the three Chinese. The law says a man is innocent until and unless he is found guilty. The evidence of accused must be given the same weight as the evidence of the witness for the prosecution.

Canton River Mines Swept

Canton, Feb. 12. Having swept the Pearl River and estuary of mines, the British Navy is preparing charts on the water course for the benefit of merchant ships, that will help to restore normal trade conditions in Canton. The city is badly in need of imported rice, coal and other necessities for trade revival, and transportation by water will solve the food and fuel shortages here. The British Navy next will sweep the West Lamma channel.—Associated Press.

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Sharp Rise in Living Costs

The sharpest increase yet recorded in any week in the official Food and Fuel cost figures issued by Government took place in the week ending Feb. 9, when the cost of living rose by over \$2. Following are comparative figures:—

	Week ending 2.2.46	Week ending 9.2.46
Rice	7.2 cattiees	1.440
Vegetables	19 "	1.026
Salt Cabbage	2 "	140
Oil	2.282	2.324
Tea	2 "	960
Salt Fish	1.149	1.284
Fish	1.204	1.704
Pork	1.896	2.301
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Readers' Letters

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COLLABORATOR IN CANTON CONVICTED

Canton, Feb. 12. Li Sheung-ming, eldest son of the late Mr. Li Yung-tsun, C.I.E., J.P., has been sentenced by the Kwantung Provincial High Court to an indefinite term of imprisonment and deprivation of all civil rights, for collaboration with the enemy and working against the interests of the country. The Court also ordered the confiscation to the State of all property belonging to the prisoner, with the exception of a portion sufficient for the maintenance of his family.—Our Own Correspondent.

Ships, and the food that we get free of charge would make all Naval Officers' messes with their high mess-bills green with envy. We all (i.e. the Europeans) have cabins, containing at the most four persons, and very few of us have ever had to taste the discomforts of a crowded messdeck. Those of us who were in the Merchant Navy before the war will get bored with any place, even after spending as little as a month in such a city as Sydney. The 11 months that we have been away from home is only a "Dodge Watch" (to use a Naval expression) compared with some of the smaller ships in the harbour at the present time. Small blame can be attached to those who are tired by the Call of the Sea, rather than by the doubtful joys of civilisation. Six months in Hong Kong at a single stretch is certainly a long time; but all of us could have had a good run ashore had we wished, and few ports could have offered such a variety of activities. It is grossly unfair to the inhabitants of this island to make complaints. We have all had the opportunity of having an excellent time.

I would like to end this letter on a note of gratitude to all in Hong Kong who have done so much to make our stay here since the initial landing so enjoyable. On behalf of the rest of the crew (save only the few mentioned above), I hope we may spend a long time yet in this beautiful harbour.

OLD SALT.

CHANGE PLACES?

Sir,—Great amusement was derived in numerous R.N. messes aboard "Aorangi" at the "Shell-back's" criticism. It seems he has been too long away from home (eleven months to be exact) on a vessel which R.N. ratings would term as a floating hotel. Has he ever stopped for one moment to compare living conditions aboard with the rigorous routine of naval life? Does he know that a commission of the West Coast of Africa, considered one of the worst climates in the world, is at least eighteen months for R.N. personnel, and in the Pacific area 21 months to two years?

After all M.N. personnel have not been taken from their civil occupations, except when they have joined the R.N. on a voluntary basis, to escape other less fortunate services as regards living conditions and discipline.

It has also come to our notice that on "Aorangi" the M.N. enjoy the privacy of cabins, whilst R.N. ratings are slung in hammocks from the deck head like bats in a barn. I don't think "Shell-back" or any one else in the M.N. would change places with the lads in navy blue.

Judging by the food aboard the "Aorangi," the catering staff seems to be labouring under great difficulties, but I have yet to see anyone over exerting themselves in that branch.

I think if "Shell-back" really knew the facts, he would realise that he has not been so badly treated after all.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

"Two Disgruntled Rankers": The question has arisen whether or not we should publish letters from men in the Service unless such letters are countersigned by the O.C. of the unit. Your complaint seems to us to be legitimate. What objection is there to submitting it to your O.C. for his O.K.—Ed.

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RUSSIAN GAME IN MONGOLIA

TIENSIN, FEB. 12. MANCHURIAN SOURCES ASSERTED TO-DAY THAT AN AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT IS BEING FORMED IN INNER MONGOLIA UNDER RUSSIAN AEGIS.

It would virtually complete a chain of buffer states between China and Russia and would grant special Soviet privileges in Manchuria and the free port of Dairen.

Manchurian sources said the new separate government is headed by Lieut. Gen. Pa Hsin-chen, former commander of the Mongolian peace preservation corps, a chief of a council of 19, which includes Chinese Communists.

Russian military advisors are said to be attached to the council. The reports added that the new council has been meeting since January 15 at Wangyeidiao and planned to announce the new regime formally in mid-March.

Travelers from Mukden, Harbin and Chongchun say that Soviet notices publicly posted, say on June 1 as the date of the Russian military withdrawal from Manchuria. However, there has been no official announcement from either Moscow or Chongchun of any change in the original February 1 withdrawal deadline.—Associated Press.

India Food Appeal

Washington, Feb. 12. The National Committee for India's freedom yesterday appealed to U.S. Secretary of State James Byrnes to alleviate the threatened famine in India.

Ann Singh, committee secretary, a lead Byrnes to direct United States officials in India to approve the famine situation there and recommended increased imports by the International Food Control Board. Singh also asked Byrnes to keep United States shipping in service to feed India's starving millions.

Singh called attention to the recent debates at India's Legislative Assembly expressing dissatisfaction over "the fact that the Government of India failed to convince the International Control Board in Washington of India's dire need" and "charges that Britain deliberately is ignoring India's plight and pre-occupation of western powers with problems of Europe making them impervious to the needs of Asia."

Singh told Byrnes the atmosphere in India is charged with dynamite and new famine might easily grow out of the lid. He said it might cause a revolution in India which would seriously jeopardize the peace of Asia.—Associated Press.

BRITISH WIVES WANT DIVORCES

London, Feb. 12. Representatives of approximately 200 British wives of American soldiers who are seeking to divorce them hope to induce Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt to intervene to help them obtain passage to the United States to contest the suits. They have organized the Married Women's Association, and their leader said some of the divorce suits have been instituted for "the flimsiest of reasons."—Associated Press.

KOREAN AIRWAYS

Seoul, Feb. 12. The organization of the Korean National Airways Corporation as a private concern under government supervision was announced by Lieut. Colonel A. J. Corbison, director of the bureau of transportation of the occupation forces. The Corporation will be financed by Korean capital and will use American equipment to transport passengers and cargo. It will use American pilots and Korean co-pilots at the start until it can train Koreans in the operation of Yank planes. It said it expected to open within 60 days.—Associated Press.

Los Angeles, Feb. 12. Movement of American troops and cargo through the Los Angeles port of embarkation will cease after Feb. 28. Routings will be shifted to San Francisco, the port command announced.—Associated Press.

Publication Of Yalta Treaty

WASHINGTON, FEB. 12. RUSSIA CLAIMED THREE CONDITIONS, INCLUDING OUTRIGHT SOVIET POSSESSION OF THE KURILE ISLANDS, ON ITS AGREEMENT AT YALTA A YEAR AGO TO ENTER THE PACIFIC WAR.

THIS CONDITIONAL ASPECT OF GENERALISSIMO STALIN'S PLEDGE TO FIGHT JAPAN WAS DISCLOSED WHEN THE TEXT OF THE LONG SECRET RIG PICT ON THE FAR EAST WAS MADE PUBLIC IN WASHINGTON, LONDON AND MOSCOW TO DAY.

United States Secretary of State James Byrnes declared it was the last of wartime arrangements of its kind withheld from publication.

Yalta's secrets promised Russia Anglo-American support for a place in the United Nations Security Council and for separate United Nations membership for Byelo-Russia and Soviet Ukraine.

Under the agreement made public to-day, Russia was to join the Far Eastern fight "in two or three months after Germany has surrendered." This appears to have been the original intention of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, prompted Russia to advance its date of the declaration of war. Germany quit the war on May 7 and Russia declared war on Japan on August 8.

The reference to the Kuriles in the Yalta Pact was blunt. "The Kurile Islands shall be handed over to the Soviet Union."

The other two conditions for Russia's war against Japan agreed to by President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill were:

RAILWAY QUESTION

(1) the status of the Mongolian People's Republic in Outer Mongolia should remain unchanged.

(2) The rights held by Russia prior to "the Manchurian attack of Japan in 1904" should be restored.

These, the pact states, were: restoration to Russia of southern Sakhalin and adjacent islands; internationalization of the port of Dairen and the restoration of the Russian leased Port Arthur; joint Russo-Chinese administration of the Chinese Eastern and South Manchurian Railways which provide an outlet to Dairen.

In these projects the "preeminent interests of the Soviet Union" would be safeguarded, the pact said, adding that China should retain "full sovereignty" in Manchuria.

The agreement, acknowledging that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek would have to concur in the Outer Mongolia, Dairen, Port Arthur and the railroad arrangements, said:

"The President, Mr. Roosevelt, will take measures in order to obtain this concurrence on advice from Marshal Stalin."

These arrangements were later ratified in the Russian-Chinese 30-year treaty of friendship, pact and alliance signed in Moscow on August 14.

TOP SECRET

In the Yalta agreement, Russia expressed its readiness to conclude such a treaty with China "in order to render assistance to China with its armed forces for the purpose of liberating China from the Japanese yoke."

WASHINGTON STALLING

Tokyo, Feb. 11. General MacArthur "hopes sincerely that Congress will broaden the base to include free transportation for all ranks" of army wives and families as plans proceeded to open the theatre to them on May 1.

Last week at a press club dinner high ranking Allied officers expressed the opinion that the War Department was "stalling" on the question of wives and families coming to this theatre.—Associated Press.

BUILDING ROADS

Chungking, Feb. 12. Twelve thousand miles of highways will be constructed in Honan, a dispatch from Kailenz reported to-day. It said that the expense of the project would be defrayed by the Central Government and the Chinese National Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.—Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 12. Bishop Thomas Tien of China and two American archbishops yesterday left by plane from La Guardia Field en route to Rome to receive their appointments as Cardinals.

With Tien were Archbishop Francis Spellman of New York, and John Joseph Glennon, of St. Louis.—Associated Press.

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Apparently, as additional insurance that terms of the Yalta agreement would not be misunderstood, the text near the end said: "The heads of the three great powers have agreed that these claims of the Soviet Union shall be unquestionably fulfilled after Japan has been defeated."

In a statement accompanying the text, Byrnes, who first described existence of the agreement, said there was good reason why the pact was marked "top secret." If the Japanese had learned of the arrangement they would have immediately attacked Russia, Byrnes declared, which would have cost America a much more difficult task.—Associated Press.

Arabs Dislike Idea Of New York Site

LONDON, FEB. 12. DELEGATES OF THE ARAB STATES OF IRAQ AND SAUDI ARABIA YESTERDAY OBJECTED TO A UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE STATEMENT ON THE CHOICE OF NEW YORK AS EITHER A TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT SITE OF THE ORGANISATION, SAYING IT WOULD SUBJECT THE DELEGATES TO PRESSURE FROM "SOME POLITICAL INFLUENCES" TO WHICH THEY OBJECT.

THE MIDDLE EAST DELEGATES DID NOT IDENTIFY THE SO-CALLED PRESSURE GROUPS IN THEIR FORMAL OBJECTION BUT THEIR CHIEF CONCERN UNOFFICIALLY EXPRESSED IN THE CORRIDORS IS THAT NEW YORK HAS A LARGE JEWISH POPULATION WHICH MIGHT ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE CURRENT CONTROVERSY OVER PALESTINE.

TERRORISM IN POLAND

Bialystok, Feb. 12. A Government communique said, yesterday, that more than 100 persons were machine-gunned or burned to death in a wave of terrorism officially attributed to the outlawed N.S.Z. (National Armed Forces) and Ukrainian Nationalist bands raiding villages near Bialystok and around Przemysl in south-eastern Poland.

Scores were reported wounded and hundreds of homes destroyed. The government announcement said that the terrorist band who raided six villages near Bialystok were dressed in non-descript bits of Polish, German, Rumanian, Hungarian and Russian uniforms.

The raiders looted residents of the towns in homes and outbuildings, tore down houses and into straw bunched and wooden walled structures and shot down men, women and children who were attempting to flee, the communique declared.

The communique said the raiders killed a placard to a tree in one village reading "you are punished because you have paid taxes in kind—N.S.Z." Persons previously had been warned against delivering foodstuffs to provincial authorities as tax payments in lieu of money.—Associated Press.

CREDIT FOR CHINA

Washington, Feb. 12. Chinese officials reported that China and Canada have entered an agreement whereby Canada is to provide the Chinese government with a credit of \$30,000,000 to purchase Canadian goods during 1946 and 1947. The loan will draw three per cent interest annually and be renewable in equal installments over a 30-year period, beginning in 1948, the Chinese spokesman said.—Associated Press.

Paris, Feb. 12. Cardinals-Designate Archbishop Edward Mooney of Detroit, and Robert A. Strick of Chicago arrived at Orléans Airfield, Paris, at 8:00 p.m. G.M.T. on Monday night on their way to attend the Papal consistory.—Associated Press.

CLASHES CONTINUE IN CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, FEB. 12. TWENTY-SEVEN STUDENTS WERE ARRESTED HERE YESTERDAY IN TWO CLASHES INVOLVING 700 STUDENTS AND POLICE.

The clashes occurred during demonstrations protesting against the sentence last week on Abdur Rashid, Moslem Captain in the Indian National Army.

Several persons sustained minor injuries when struck by police truncheons and missiles thrown by the crowd. Both Hindu and Moslem students left their classes at the university and gathered for a meeting where it was decided to march to Dalhousie Square in the downtown area. Police said the Square was a restricted area.

After the clashes and subsequent arrests, crowds continued to gather in front of the police station, and a riot broke out. Further disturbances were reported. Truckloads of Indian police officers in jeeps recently purchased from the United States army and radio patrol cars cruised throughout the city.—Associated Press.

Transport Paralysis In Philly

PHILADELPHIA, FEB. 12. TRAMCARS, BUSES AND UNDERGROUND TRAINS WERE MOTIONLESS HERE YESTERDAY AS ALMOST TEN THOUSAND TRANSIT WORKERS WALKED OUT ON STRIKE OVER WAGE DEMANDS.

The dispute shut off means of transportation for more than 2,000,000 persons in this, the third largest city of the United States, and forced United States Navy officials to put their own vehicles into service to get workers to the naval yard.

The strikers, who demand a wage increase of twenty-five cents an hour, organized special crews of men to give transport to hospital and other essential workers. The only public vehicles left moving were the city's 1,000 taxicabs.

In New York, settlement of the tugboat strike which has tied up harbour shipping and caused a severe fuel shortage in the city, appeared near as the tugboat owners and union leaders agreed to arbitration.

In Washington, sources familiar with White House strategy, said that President Truman was expected to announce his new wage policy within a short time, including a new price for steel products which would enable the industry to grant striking workers an 18 1/2 per cent an hour wage increase.—Associated Press.

Supreme Court Not To Intervene

Washington, Feb. 12. The United States Supreme Court yesterday refused to intervene in the case of Lieut-General Masaharu Homma, convicted war criminal who has been sentenced to be shot.

The Court based its rejection of Homma's appeal on its recent decision on the case of General Yamashita.

Justices Murphy and Rutledge dissented, Murphy contending that "a process of judicial lynchings without due process of the law may now follow."—Associated Press.

SWISS VOTE ON NATIONALISATION

Berne, Feb. 12. Swiss voters yesterday overwhelmingly rejected a government-sponsored constitutional amendment which would have empowered the Swiss Federal Council to regulate commercial travel by rail, water, and air, complete returns after two days of balloting showed to-night.

The returns from the country's 20 cantons showed that 570,869 were opposed to the proposed measure while 28,572 favored it. Under the measure, the Federal Council would have been able to determine how passengers and goods were to be transported. Opponents said this was an infringement of personal liberty, and that the State-owned Federal railways would have benefited to the detriment of privately owned companies.—Associated Press.

EMPEROR TO LEAVE PALACE

Tokyo, Feb. 12. Emperor Hirohito will personally inspect rehabilitation in Tokyo on Feb. 14 and two days later will tour nearby areas. Japanese newspapers reported to-day The trips will mark the first inspection by the Emperor since the occupation and the third formal departure from the palace since the occupation. Previously he called on General MacArthur at the American Embassy and journeyed to the Ise grand shrines to report the end of the war.—Associated Press.

VERDICT WELCOMED

Manila, Feb. 12. Commenting on the death verdict against Lieut-General Masaharu Homma, the Philippines President, Sergio Osmena, declared yesterday: "The verdict meets the legitimate expectation of the Filipino people. It also answers the universal demand for the establishment of the reign of law, justice and morality in the conduct of nations."—Associated Press.

Chungking, Feb. 12. A dispatch from Nanking said Doctor Roscoe Pound, Dean of Harvard Law School, was expected to arrive in China next month to take up an appointment as legal adviser to the Chinese Ministry of Justice.

Pound, the dispatch stated, was expected to make important contributions to law reforms in China.—Associated Press.

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(By Stan Swinton).

BANGKOK, FEB. 12.

THEY CALL BANGKOK THE "G. I. SHANGRI LA"—THE TOWN WHERE AMERICAN SOLDIERS' DREAMS COME TRUE AND LIFE IS A CHAPTER OUT OF THE ARABIAN NIGHTS.

BUCK PRIVATES LIVE IN ROYAL PALACES AND ARE SERVED SEVEN COURSE MEALS BY WHITE-COATED WAITERS. IT DOESN'T COST THEM A PENNY—ALL AMERICANS IN BANGKOK ARE REGARDED AS GUESTS OF THE SIAMESE GOVERNMENT.

At night the sky is bright with stars and brown-skinned Siamese beauties leap at the opportunity to go dancing in luxurious open air pavilions. Bars are laden with inexpensive Thai whiskey and French brandy from Indo-China.

The handful of American soldiers stationed here—men of the Air Transport Command, U.S. Army Air Forces Communications System and Strategic Service Unit—can't get over their luck.

"I took me three years to find a home in the Army—but what a home!" Cpl. John Beyer said as a houseboy brought a breakfast of tea, eggs, steak, French fried yams and fruit to his bedside.

A LA HOLLYWOOD The most luxurious of the U.S. soldiers' billets is the Flower Palace, built 40 years ago by Prince Ropburi and occupied by Prince Adit until he was ousted as regent at the time of the Japanese surrender.

It serves as a transient hotel for the A.T.C. Like Hollywood versions of royal residences, its walls are covered with scores of etchings, oil paintings, sculpture and ivory and wood carvings.

A caterer from the luxurious Ratanakosin Hotel provides food at Thai Government expense. A typical menu—all free—includes soup, fish, chips, steak, salad, roast goose, plum pudding and tasty tropical fruits such as the brown, pear-like lamud, bananas and rose apples.

While American soldiers are eager to get back home no matter how exotic their life in Siam, they find plenty to do in Bangkok, which like Hong Kong is one of the few cities in the world which lives up to the tourist leaflets.

LIKE A BOOK Beautiful handworked silver with Buddhist themes is available in Chinese shops. The current unofficial exchange rate—16 ticals to the U.S. dollar compared to the pre-war rate of three to one—make purchases inexpensive. Sightseeing is one of the most popular forms of entertainment. American soldiers are fascinated

Jap. Claim To T.B. Discovery

Chungking, Feb. 12.

A Japanese army doctor, now a prisoner of war at Taiyuan, capital of Shansi, is quoted as having told the Chinese authorities of the discovery, many years ago, of two plants in Formosa which, he asserted, contained "very effective medical properties against tuberculosis."

The discovery, the doctor said, was reported to Emperor Hirohito by the Japanese Government General in Formosa which was instructed to conduct a research. This was done and eventually produced "successful results," the doctor declared.

Chinese authorities at Taiyuan have wired the National Government in Chungking suggesting that General Chen Yi, Chinese Administrator of Formosa, should be instructed to have the research work continued. — Associated Press.

Opening Up North China

Peiping, Feb. 12.

The Executive Headquarters to implement peace in China, announced yesterday an agreement for the immediate restoration of communication lines in north and central China.

The order was sent to all military commanders of the Nationalist and Communist forces. It charges them with responsibility to assist in the reconstruction of all communications lines, the removal or destruction of military obstacles along communication lines, the removal of all interference with civilian travel and the passage of goods, and the protection of repair units.

Most observers believe that the naming of the commanders in the local areas, whether Nationalist or Communist, represented the biggest compromise of the negotiations to carry out the "cease fire" agreement. — Associated Press.

U.S. Interest In Italy

Washington, Feb. 12.

Secretary of State James Byrnes said today that the United States Government is "keenly interested" in the elections scheduled in Italy on March 1.

"In the grave task of drafting a new constitution the Constituent Assembly will have our best wishes and our encouragement," Byrnes said.

"Our interest in the election of the Italian Constituent Assembly is easy to explain. Even before our armies landed on Italian soil to rid Italy of Fascist and Nazi domination we pledged the Italian people a free government. That pledge was solemnly renewed in the joint declaration of Oct. 13, 1943, which stated nothing can detract from the absolute and untrammeled right of the people of Italy by constitutional means to decide on the democratic form of government they will eventually have." — Associated Press.

STILL BARRED

Chungking, Feb. 12.

A branch of China's official Central News Agency was established on Sunday at Changchun, capital of Manchuria. Other than Chinese and Russian, however, are still barred from all Russian controlled zones in Manchuria. — Associated Press.

BRIDGE NOTES

"South admits he took a chance in bidding six spades," writes a reader, "but thinks he was rather unlucky in not making it. I think he committed a crime—and perhaps you can use it in your series!"

South, Dealer.
East-West vulnerable
B. Q 8
H. K Q J
D. Q J 10 8
C. K Q J 8

B. 6
H. A 7 6 5 3
D. A K 7 6
C. 7 6 2

B. 5 2
H. 10 9 8 4
D. 4 4 3
C. 5 4 3

B. A K J 10 9 7 4 3

H. —

D. 9 2

C. A 10 9

The bidding:

South West North East

1 S Pass 2NT Pass

6 S Pass Pass Pass

"West opened the King of diamonds, and South dropped the nine without bidding an eyelash. Now the choice was between the two red Aces, and West unhesitatingly continued with Ace of diamonds. It was all over then, of course, and South pointed out that with any shift at all he'd have made the Small Slam. Leaving the bidding aside, do you think South was unlucky or a criminal?"

There you are, crime sleuths. Decide for yourself before reading on.

South was a criminal and his crime almost cost him the Slam—contract. When West led the King of diamonds, it was absolutely criminal for South to play the nine. West was bound to notice that the deuce of diamonds hadn't been played. If East held the deuce of diamonds, he wanted a diamond continuation; if South had the deuce, a diamond continuation would surely defeat the slam. So South was simply asking to be set when he false-carded in diamonds.

Note that if South plays the deuce of diamonds (we assume East played the three, since he had no reason to do anything else.) West really has a guess. And we think most players would continue with the Ace of hearts rather than the Ace of diamonds. It's wise to note that not all false-cards are deceptive.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

S.—K J 10 9 6 3
H.—Q 5 4 2
D.—8 3
C.—J

The bidding:

Maier You Schenken Jacoby

3 D Pass Pass Dbl.

Pass (1)

Answer: Bid four spades. Con-

sidering that you passed over the shut-out bid of three diamonds, you have a very fine hand and a very strong suit. This show of strength will take your partner off the spot if he has a borderline double, and may lead to a good Slam contract if he has a very strong double.

Score 100 per cent. for four

spades, 50 per cent. for three

spades.

QUESTION

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

S.—A K J 10 9 6
H.—Q 10 4 2
D.—8
C.—J 4

The bidding:

Maier You Jacoby Schenken

3 D (7)

What do you bid? (Answer

To-morrow).

JAPS IN JAVA

Sydney, Feb. 12.

A dispatch to the "Sydney Sun" said yesterday that Lieut. General Nunata, former Chief of Staff in the Japanese South East Asia Command, announced he would "appeal to the Japanese rulers and soldiers in Java" who deserted into the Indonesian ranks. The dispatch said: "Nunata arrived in Batavia from Singapore on a 'moral building' tour of Japanese-occupied islands north of Australia." — Associated Press.

Only A Starting Point

Batavia, Feb. 12.

A spokesman for the unrecognized Indonesian republic said yesterday that the Dutch offer to establish a commonwealth of Indonesia in the East Indies is "a starting point for talks and that's all. Many who expected something substantial were disappointed, but I am not because I didn't expect anything."

The comment was made by Hadju Amus Salim, official spokesman, to whom Premier Sjahrir referred all queries.

"You can't blame the Dutch for giving as little as possible any more than the Indonesians for asking as much as possible," he asserted.

A British communique, meanwhile, reported that British artillery engaged a group of Indonesian troops armed with machineguns in the Semarang area. A British patrol captured a mortar, bombs, rifles and hand grenades in an engagement west of Soerabaya. British troops destroyed a factory for making grenades in west Java, the communique said. — Associated Press.

Production Of Rice Declines

Washington, Feb. 12.

World rice production for the 1945-46 season declined 10 per cent from the previous year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported, but the citrus crop is a record breaker.

The rice production was estimated by the department's official foreign agricultural relations bureau at 6,200,000,000 bushels compared with 6,700,000,000 bushels a year ago and a pre-war average of 7,400,000,000. Most of the reduction was in Asia, which grows 95 per cent of the world crop.

The citrus crop for 36 major producing countries was estimated at 335,000,000 boxes. The previous year the total was 320,000,000 and the 1935-39 average was 266,000,000 boxes. — Associated Press.

Souvenirs For G.I.'s

Osaka, Feb. 12.

Over 25,000 Samurai swords were confiscated from Japanese in the Osaka area and have been turned over to homeward bound United States soldiers by the Ordinance Section of Major-General Arthur Harper's 98th Division (Ironclad) which is scheduled for inactivation on Feb. 16.

Troops were also given 7,000 "small knives" with blades less than 20 inches long as souvenirs along with 150,000 Japanese army carbines and rifles, 1,200 binoculars, numerous bayonets, compasses, aerial cameras and other trophies. Also prepared for shipment are many small cannons and two man-tankettes which will be displayed in public parks or before public buildings in the United States. — Associated Press.

MATRICULATION EXAMINATION.

There is a possibility that a London Matriculation Examination may be held in Hong Kong in June of this year, upon the results of which entrance to the University of Hong Kong may be decided. Since it is necessary to know the approximate number of entrants before a decision can be made, intending candidates are requested to send in their names before Saturday, 16th February to:

The Director of Education.

Fire Brigade Building.

Hong Kong.

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

There is a possibility that the University of Hong Kong may be able to resume first year classes in Arts, Science and Medicine in October 1946. It is requested that those desirous of enrolling their names as first year students in the event of the University reopening, will send in their names at the earliest opportunity to:

THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

It is necessary also to state whether the intending applicant already possesses a Hong Kong University Matriculation Certificate or other exempting Certificate, or whether the applicant intends to sit for the London Matriculation Examination which may be held in June of this year. This notice also applies to first year students whose studies were interrupted by the outbreak of war in December 1941.

GORDON KING.

Dean Faculty of Medicine.

University of Hong Kong.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG.

LEGAL BRANCH.

NOTICE.

COMPANIES ORDINANCE, 1932.

The Companies Registry is now open for registration of new companies, filing annual returns and generally for the transaction of business.

The following registers and books have been recovered:

- 1 roll of Public and Private companies;
- 1 Limited Partnership Register;
- 1 Chinese Limited Partnership Register;
- 1 Register of Trust Companies;
- 7 Registers of Mortgages.

On the other hand none of the files of companies, other than those relating to companies which re-registered during the Japanese occupation, have been recovered so far and it is feared they may have perished. It is not known how far companies can supply this serious lacuna. It is obvious that if they cannot, legislation will be necessary. In order to be able to consider the form of such legislation, all companies which were registered on the 24th December, 1941, and are now carrying on or intend to resume business in the Colony are asked to furnish the following particulars to the Registrar of Companies:

1. Name of the Company;
2. Names of persons acting as Directors of the Company;
3. Name of person acting as Secretary of the Company;
4. Registered office;
5. Whether in possession or able to obtain:

(a) copies of Memorandum and Articles of Association;

(b) Share register;

(c) Register of Charges;

(d) Copies of Annual Returns since the incorporation of the Company;

(e) Copies of:

(i) Special resolutions;

(ii) Extraordinary resolutions;

(iii) Resolutions which have been agreed to by all the members of a Company, but which, if not so agreed to, would not have been effective for their purpose unless, as the case may be, they had been passed as special resolutions or as extraordinary resolutions;

(iv) Resolutions or agreements which have been agreed to by all the members of some class of shareholders, but which, if not so agreed to, would not have been effective for their purpose unless they had been passed by some particular majority or otherwise in some particular manner, and all resolutions or agreements which effectively bind all the members of any class of shareholders though not agreed to by all those members.

While it is not proposed to penalise companies and directors who are endeavouring, in difficult circumstances, to comply with the law, it is obvious that the present position cannot be allowed to continue.

Dated the 12th day of February, 1946.

H. A. de BARROS BOTELHO,

Acting Registrar of Companies.

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WANTED-URGENTLY on loan,
Hongkong Government Gazette No. 89
of 1941. Please communicate with
H. A. de Barros Botelho, Acting
Registrar, Courts of Justice (Phone
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SEE FOR YOURSELF at Made
Elite, 22 Queen's Road, Ck. A
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elaborately carved teakcamphorwood
chests, pre-war made, perfectly
seasoned, new felt hats, wool dresses,
jumpers, lipsticks, elastic girdles, at
wholesale prices for quantity buyers.

PREMISES WANTED

FOREIGN company requires 3 or
4, 5-roomed flats or houses, furnished
or unfurnished. Apply Box No. 68
"China Mail."

WANTED at the beginning of
April three-roomed flat in Hong
Kong, not above Robinson Road
level. Furnished or unfurnished.
Write Box No. 67 "China Mail."

URGENTLY Required. Two or
three roomed unfurnished flat at
reasonable rent. Kowloon preferred.
Write Box No. 67 "China Mail."

NOTICE

The Administration is calling
for tenders for the Supply of
Flower Pots and Pans which
are required by the Botanical &
Forestry Department. The
Tenders which must be submitted
in triplicate should be lodged
with the Tender Board not later
than Friday, February 15th, 1946.

12th February, 1946.

NOTICE

S.S. "F O C 10 W"
arrived 6th February, 1946.
Survey of damaged cargo ex
this vessel will be held by God-
dard & Douglas on 13th Feb.
between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at
Kowloon Godown

NOTICE

The American President Lines,
Ltd.
have removed from the
National City Bank Building
to permanent Offices on the
Ground Floor of St. George's Bldg.
opposite the Star Ferry Wharf.
Telephone Nos. 28173 & 28174.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A
SHIP'S NAME

We Messrs. Jardine, Matheson
of Pedder Street hereby give
notice that in consequence of a
desire to change her present
name.

We have applied to the Board
of Trade, under section 47 of the
Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in
respect of the Motorship "ZEW
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Official Number 173775 of
Gross Tonnage 10.77 tons Regis-
ter tonnage 6.78 tons, heretofore
owned by us for the permission
to change her name to "H. G.
WAYMAN" and to have her
registered in the new name at the
Port of Hong Kong as owned
by us.

Any objection to the proposed
change of name must be sent to
the Registrar of Shipping at
Hong Kong within seven days
from the appearance of this
advertisement.

Dated at Hong Kong this 11th
day of February, 1946.

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AUSSIES
TEAM TO
TOUR N.Z.

Adelaide, Feb. 12.
The Australian cricket team
to tour New Zealand next month
will consist of Lindsay Hassett
(Victoria), Keith Miller (Vic-
toria), Sid Barnes (New South
Wales), Bruce Doeland (South
Australia), Ian Johnson (Vic-
toria), Don Harmer (South
Australia), Ray Lindwall (New
South Wales), Ken Maclellan
(Victoria), Colin McCool
(Queensland), Don Tallon
(Queensland), William O'Reilly
(New South Wales), William
Brown (Queensland) and Ernest
Robb (New South Wales).

The team will leave Australia
on Feb. 25.

The captain and vice-captain
have yet to be chosen.
A better idea of Australian
cricket form will be seen when
they tour New Zealand. There
is a wealth of potential material
in the Commonwealth and a
number of wartime discoveries
hardly known in England.
New Zealand pitches, hardly
any two of which are identical,
will put the Australians on their
metals. They will also meet a
variety of fast bowlers, which
will be a useful test as there
are very few outstanding speed
merchants about these days.
During the war New Zealand
cricket, like the game in Eng-
land, had to give way to great-
er necessities, few of their lead-
ing competitions being held, but
keenness on the game has always
been noticeable.

There is news of Jack Cowie,
who took 114 wickets on the last
England tour. He is still con-
sidered their best fast bowler,
while other speed merchants
with reputations include Eddie
Prentice, Tom Britchard and
Honor.

W. M. Wallace, who is called
the "Bradman of New Zealand
cricket," is in great form and
made 210 the other day. He is
generally considered the most
likely choice as captain. — Reuter.

Natural
Wickets Again

London, Feb. 12.
Cricket is in no danger of los-
ing public interest. During
the war, when there was no
County cricket, thousands turned
up regularly to see one day-
ers, and the Australian Services
tour was a pronounced success.
There is, however, one thing
troubling followers of the Brit-
ish summer game, and that is
the "doped" pitches. For some
years past it has been obvious
that the ball has been beating
the bat, and the chief reason is
stated to be the prepared pit-
ches.

The County Committee are
well aware of this danger and
before the war many issued in-
structions to their groundsmen
to stop chemical preparation of the
turf.

The M.C.C. post-war commit-
tee has also recommended nat-
ural wickets. Unfortunately,
this change cannot be brought
about at will. Prepared turfs
will take some years to regain
their "bite" and it is also impos-
sible to plough up grounds and
re-turf between seasons.

It has been suggested this re-
placement could be accomplish-
ed hit by hit each year, but
meanwhile, wickets will continue
to favour batsmen and discour-
age bowlers. — Reuter.

President Pierce
Arrives

With 650 tons of commercial
cargo from Shanghai, mostly food
stuffs and wines, the American
President Lines' s.s. President
Pierce arrived about noon yester-
day. She will be loading 1,000
tons of general cargo here for
San Francisco, Los Angeles and
New York.

En route, she is to call at
Tobago and Davao in the Philip-
pines for a cargo of bemp for
the United States.

Passengers who arrived by the
"President Pierce" were Mr. J.
P. Anderson, of the Seventh Day
Adventist Mission; Miss Lois
Armentrout, of the Associated
Missionary Treasurers, Hackitt Hos-
pital, Canton; Miss K. L. Au;
Mr. D. L. Ballantine, Manager
of the Chase Bank; Mrs. B. M.
Brayne, of Babcock Martin & Co.,
Shanghai; Mrs. W. J. Chang; and
Miss Chang; Rev. D. H. Thomas,
of the American Presbyterian
Mission; Mr. R. E. Runyon, Chief
Accountant, Texas Co., Hong
Kong; Mr. T. Y. Tse, owner of
the Cathay Co., Shanghai; and
Mr. D. L. Nien, representative of
the Nan Yang Hong.

Commando Adjutant's
Story Of The Unit

THE COMMANDOS WERE A DEVELOPMENT OF THE
INDEPENDENT COMPANIES FORMED TO TAKE
PART IN THE NORWEGIAN CAMPAIGN IN THE
EARLY DAYS OF THE EUROPEAN WAR. CAPT.
IAN CARRELL, ADJUTANT OF NO. 1 COMMANDO,
TOLD THE HONG KONG ROTARY CLUB AT
THEIR WEEKLY LUNCH MEETING YESTERDAY.
THEIR EARLY TRAINING WAS DESIGNED FOR AM-
PHIBIOUS OPERATIONS AGAINST THE GER-
MAN-HOLD COASTLINE OF THE EUROPEAN
CONTINENT AND THE EARLY RAIDS WERE OF
SHORT DURATION. A SPECIAL BOATING SEC-
TION TEAM CONSISTING USUALLY OF AN OF-
FICER AND 16 MEN EFFECTING A LANDING BY
CANOE FROM A SUBMARINE OR SMALL CRAFT.

With the extended scope of
the special jobs to be carried
out, the Commandos were train-
ed in snow and mountain war-
fare, cliff-climbing, parachuting,
and even engine-driving. In In-
dia, a Commando-driven train
accomplished a railway journey
in record time.

Would-be recruits often con-
sidered it desirable to sign up
with the Commandos as they con-
sidered it "one of the safest jobs
and a good racket" or "the nearest
thing to being a civilian and wear-
ing uniform." This approach-
ed the truth insofar as in the early
days of the Commandos, only a
small number of the raids planned
were carried into effect and partici-
pants in these received 10 days' leave.

Training, however, was inten-
sive and required a high standard
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Four Brigades were formed
during the war, one for the Far
East, one for the Middle East and
two for operations in the Euro-
pean Theatre. Every trade and
section of Army life was repre-
sented in the Commandos. Capt.
Carrell said. In his own unit,
there were men from 71 regiments
and 10 corps, while the Commandos
were drawn from 26 different
units.

The Americans built up similar
units to the Commandos. These
were trained at the same depots
and were known as the Ranger
Battalion. There was also a Nor-
wegian Commando unit trained
and an Allied Commando Group
consisting of French and Dutch.
The Commandos are now in the
process of being disbanded and the or-
ganisation is to be discontinued
with the end of the war and eventual
demobilisation.

GREAT TRADITION
Lt.-Col. L. W. Amps, who
thanked the speaker, remarked on
the wonderful tradition set up by
the Commandos and on the great
part they played in setting the
pace for the British Army in the
early days of the war.

Present at the meeting was the
G.O.C., Major-General F. W.
Festling, who attended for the first
time as an Hon. Member of the
Hong Kong Rotary Club, and, as
guests, Major-General Chow
Ngan-bun, Lt.-Col. J. H. Turnbull,
Major I. G. W. Williams, Messrs.
Charles Chov and K. S. Lee.
It was announced that the next
meeting would be the Re-union
Dinner to be held next Tuesday
evening and that His Excellency
the Commander-in-Chief, Vice-
Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt, would
attend.

Soo Not Happy
At Leicester

Leicester, Feb. 12.
Frank Soo, Leicester City and
England international half-back,
has been placed on the transfer
list at his own request.

It is not more than three
months ago that Leicester signed
Soo from Stoke at a fee said
to be in the region of £3,000.
A month ago Derby County
made an attempt to obtain Soo's
services, but Leicester Club de-
clined any such move. — Reuter.

Godown Theft

Two coolies, Siu Mei and Chan
Kui, were charged before Mr. C.
Y. Kwan at the Summary Mil-
itary Court yesterday with stealing
two woollen jerseys from the
China Provident Godown at
Kennedy Town Fringe on Monday.
Det. Sub-Inspector E. J. Wal-
sh said that accused were
detected by Indian guards at the
godown of No. 15, Godown.
Four weeks' hard labour was
imposed on each defendant.
A similar sentence was im-
posed on Lam Lee for stealing 11
children's woollen jackets from
the same godown on the same
day.

Soccer Shield
Games

The following are the Shield
competition games for this week
end:

Saturday February 10
C.A.S. vs. R.A.S.C.
(Navy ground 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Spr. G. Thorne.
Linesmen:—Spr. D. Cherie and
L.S. Snarrow.
Eastern vs. Kwong Wah
(Navy ground 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Sgt. L. Pullitt.
Linesmen:—Mr. F. A. Barretto
and P.O. E. Taylor.

Sunday February 11
Navy "A" vs. Civilians
(Navy ground 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Lt. L. G. Young
Linesmen:—Mr. See Po Wai
and P.O. E. Noble.
R.A.F. vs. R.E.
(Recruit ground 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—L.S. T. Mullins.
Linesmen:—Mr. A. R. Samy
and Mr. J. F. Peralta.

Sunday February 17
Navy "A" vs. Civilians
(Navy ground 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Lt. L. G. Young
Linesmen:—Mr. See Po Wai
and P.O. E. Noble.
R.A.F. vs. R.E.
(Recruit ground 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—L.S. T. Mullins.
Linesmen:—Mr. A. R. Samy
and Mr. J. F. Peralta.

Byes to 2nd Round.
No. 1 Commando No. 5 Com-
mando, Navy "B".

SQUASH MATCH

An exciting squash match was
played at Kellie Island on Satur-
day between Hongkong and
Shanghai Bank and Royal Navy.
The Bank winning by one game.
The decision was in doubt until
the last game of the match.
The following were the re-
sults:—
Lt. Comdr. Haydon (Navy) 3-0
beat W. R. McCutcheon (Navy)
Sen. Comdr. Colver (Navy)
lost to M. P. L. Haymes
Sen. Lieut. Watt (Navy)
lost to P. S. M. Dow 0-3
Lieut. (E) Gregory (Navy)
beat A. L. Smith 2-1
Lieut. Long (Navy) lost to
A. H. R. Butcher 0-3
Lieut. H. (Navy) beat R.
G. Gray 3-0
Lieut. Redwell (Navy) lost
to A. H. R. Butcher 1-2

Commando
Generator Found

A portable generator stolen
from No. 5 Commando barracks
at Kam Tin, N.T. on December
16, was recovered a few days
ago when Wan Wo was arrested
by a Chinese detective.

Wan was sentenced to three
months' imprisonment with hard
labour by Mr. W. H. Latimer
yesterday. The value of the
generator was \$30.
Li Tong, charged with receiving
the generator, which was found
at his shop, was discharged owing
to lack of evidence. He said he
was asked by Wan to sell the
generator.

It was ordered to be restored to
No. 5 Commando. Detective-
Inspector Drury prosecuted.

CHINESE CHARACTERS

Fr. Casey S.J., will give to-
morrow's talk at the Catholic
Centre, entitled: "So you're learn-
ing Chinese?" This lecture on the
history and formation of Chinese
characters should prove of con-
siderable interest to the many
servicemen at present in Hong
Kong.

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JOE LOUIS AND
BILLY CONN

London, Feb. 12.
Within the next few weeks
Joe Louis, world heavyweight
champion, and his challenger,
Billy Conn, will be getting down
to serious training for their
title fight at the Yankee Sta-
dium, New York, on June 19.
So far, there is little to go on
with regard to assessing the
chances of either man, but the
general idea appears to be that
the champion will try his best
to knock out his opponent as soon
as possible, realising that Conn
should last better, being the
younger man, and bearing in
mind Conn was well ahead on
points in their first encounter
until he made the fatal mistake
of trying to mix it with Louis.
The champion has already de-
clared that he must win by a
knockout at the earliest mo-
ment, as "Conn is a better
boxer." Both are a long way
from their best form at the mo-
ment, which is natural, since
both have been in the services
and some years since they had a
serious encounter, and the
terms of Mike Jacobs' contract
forbids them warming up con-
tests before their championship
bout.

Conn hopes to get round this
by going 15 rounds against two
sparring partners. He declares
these will be real bouts in every
way, except big gloves, and
head guards will be used to pre-
vent serious injury. — Reuter.

WEDNESDAY OUT

London, Feb. 11.
Stoke City to-day eliminated
Sheffield Wednesday from the
Football Association Cup by 2-0.
In their second leg match in
the fifth round neither side was
able to score. — Reuter.

A coolie, Chan Nam, was stab-
bed in the chest yesterday after-
noon, near the Matakok Slaughter
House. He was admitted to
Kwong Wah Hospital. His condi-
tion is good.

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